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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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SUBJECT.

Sayer duty on Cardamoms.

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20.11.79

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the opinion of the Law Member with
consent— He refers correspondence
marked 'Legislative Dept' which
has not been printed & has
not been received

Secretary

L R 38-79.

From The Commissioner
Nagpur Division

To

Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
Revenue ~~General~~ Department.

Dated 15th November 1879.
Despatched 20.11.79.
Received

ENCLOSURES NO. nil

General No. 528 } 1879—80.
Fin. No. 21 }

Sir,

Adverting to the general instructions contained in Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 3362-73 dated 27th September 1879, on the subject of the revision of Municipal and Octroi duties, I have the honor to state that enquiries have been made of me by the Deputy Commissioners Bhandara and Nagpur districts whether, under the terms of para 29 of that Order, it is to be

understood that the existing Sayer duty on cardamoms levied at Rs. 2 per maund in the Malnad Talukes of those Districts is repealed.

2. I have informed them that the Chief Commissioner's order in question was obviously meant to apply only to those articles of Sayer duty enumerated in para 2 of the Order.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servt
Mary Clarke
Commissioner

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No 4884-9 of 20th
No 240
December 79.

Read:- (3)

Letter from the Commr., Nagar Division,
No. 528 / Int. 21 of the 15th November 1879.

Order thereon.

The proposal for the abolition of the Sayer duty on Cardamoms after the introduction of the acreage assessment of coffee lands has been made to the Govt. of India. Until this measure is sanctioned and carried into effect, the Sayer duty on Cardamoms should continue to be levied as at present

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To The Commr., Nagar Division.
The Dy. Commissioner of the ~~Nagar~~ Distts in the

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To

The Comm^r Nagar &
Dy. Comm^r Dist^s in the
Ash^r & Nan^g Dists.

Dated 20 December

Despd —

No. 4884-9
Mk. 240

States that Sayer duty
on Cardamoms should be
continue to be levied as at
present, pending the orders of the
Govt of India on a proposal
made on the subject -

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Some Comm^r Dists

(5) 1880.

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From The Dy. Commissioner
Nagara District

To

Secretary to Chief Commissioner of Mysore,

Revenue Department.

Dated
Despatched 17th March 1880.
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Enclosures No. one

General No. } 1879-80.
G. No. 1581

Submits report relative to the levy of sayer duty on cardamoms till the acreage assessment on coffee lands is introduced.

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Do Noted with the Notification of 1871

To the same &c &c

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G.L.O. 1581.

Nassau District - Dy. Commissioner's Office,
Camp Chanaryaya 17th March 1880.

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SC (3)

The Secretary to Chief Commissioner
Revenue Department.

Sir,

According to Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 4654-9/240 of the 20th December last, directing that the cayer duty on cardamoms should continue to be levied until the introduction of the acreage assessment on coffee lands, I have the honor to report that several plots of reserved jungle in the vicinity of the ghauts were marked out for cardamom cultivation in the years 1871-72, but none of them were taken up by European Planters, in consequence of the lease being fixed for a term of only twenty years, in accordance with the provisions of para 5 of Notification No. 269 of the 6th January 1873.

2. Since then the price of cardamoms has doubled, and an entirely new market for them has been found in Calcutta, Benares and Allahabad. The consequence has been that Mr. Middleton, who is the chief

cultivator, has realized a fortune, and others would be prepared to embark in the enterprise were land obtainable on more favorable terms.

3. Mr. Middleton has gone to much expense in the construction of heating apparatus for drying cardamoms, the result being that his cardamoms, which are carefully picked and thoroughly dried, now obtain the best prices in the market. Other gentlemen will not risk the expenditure for fear of the resumption of their land after twenty years.

4. From letter No. 69 F. of the 13th February 1872 from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner O.P.W. to the Superintendent of Settlement Division (copy of which is attached for ready reference), it will be seen that measures were adopted towards the demarcation of the plots in the reserved forests, for which several applications were received. It is not known what further action was taken in the matter by the Forest Department beyond that both Messrs Jellicoe and Ludlow were engaged in the duty for some months. The matter then appears to have dropped, in consequence of the unfavorable nature of the terms offered to the applicants.

5. It is obvious that if the acreage assessment is to be introduced, these plots should now be measured up, and that an extension of the lease should be promised, or, in the case of resumption, compensation be given for outlay on improvements, expensive buildings and machinery.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed. Servant.

J. Hill

Dy. Commissioner
Kaira District.

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No. 69 F.

Encl. 6 & 3

From Colonel Chief Commissioner's Office,
Public Works Department,
13th February 1872.

To,

The Superintendent
Kohtagram.

Sir,

In reply to your No. 734/122 of the 9th instant, stating that it is inadvisable to commence the sale of cardamom plots until their demarcation is finished, and the conditions of the sale have been conclusively discussed, but that meanwhile the course hitherto adopted for disposing of the Government cardamom revenue would remain in force; further that cardamoms grown on private lands, where permission has been granted, would be subject to the authorized excise duty, I am directed to inform you that the Chief Commissioner concurs in the course proposed by you, and to beg that it may be carried out.

The Conservator will be asked why Mr. King was withdrawn before the demarcation was completed.

These plots, Colonel Meade observes

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observes, must be carefully measured as well as demarcated before they can be put up to sale, and moreover must be accurately described.

I have &c.

Sd. R. A. Lawley

Secretary. P. G. O.

Copy.

Sd. [illegible]

Dy. Commissioner

Kassan District.

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MYSORE SECRETARIAT

Read.—SC(4).

L R 38-79

Letter from the Deputy Commissioner of the Hassan District, No. 1581 dated 17th March 1880, regarding the levy of Sayer duty on Cardamom till the introduction of the acreage assessment on Coffee lands.

No. 6956-8 Dy 29-3-80.
Inl. 3.49

Order thereon.—

Lands taken up for Cardamom will, in future, be held on the same terms of an acreage assessment as Coffee lands, on a title which will be permanent subject only to a revision of the assessment once in 30 years on general principle and as the Sayer duty on the article will be also abolished, every facility

will be afforded to intending cultivators to whom the Rules, to be brought into force as above, may be made known.

2. The demarcation and Survey of lands for the cultivation of Cardamoms may be conveniently made as applications are received. It will, however, be useful if the Forest or the Survey department will mark out the tracts which ought to remain as forests, so as to distinguish them from the rest, which will be available for the cultivation of Coffee, Cardamoms or other products, so that intending applicants may know in what localities to look for such lands - The Survey Superintendent and the Deputy Conservator of Forests

Forests are requested to report what arrangements can be made on the subject.

By Order,
Chief Secretary.

To The Deputy Commr., Hassan District.
To The Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Mysore.
By Conservator of Forests, Shimoga Division.

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To (12) (1)

The Dy Commr. Kadaan

n Supdt. Revenue Survey.

n Dy Conr. of F. Ashtagram

Dated 29 March

Dy No

Rec'd: 3/4/80.

No 6956-8

Inl 349.

Ref. No: 39 Inl

Dec 1880. (6)

From The Supt. Chief (12) Revenue Survey

To

Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
Rev. ~~General~~ Department. (6)

Dated } 4th April 1880 Labvalli
Despatched }
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ENCLOSURES NO

General No. 262 } 1880-7
No.

States that the duty of marking off tracts which ought to remain as forest & would consequently be unavailable for cardamom cultivation cannot well be undertaken by this Deptt.

12.4.80

Asst. Collr. Labvalli Office

No. 262 of 1880.

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To,

The Secretary to the
Chief Commr. Rev. Deptt.

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Survey Superintendent's Office
Lakvalli 7th April 1880

Sir,

I have the honor with reference to Para 2 of Chief Commr's Proceedings No. 6956-8 Mt. 349 of the 29th ultimo, to state that the duty of marking off tracts which ought to remain as forest and would consequently be unavailable for Cardamom cultivation, cannot well be undertaken by this Department, beyond separating as much as possible at the time of measurement, the ever-green jungle or Kan, from the dry jungle.

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2 By Chief Commissioner's Order No. 3231–5 R. F. 484 dated 31st January 1879 every applic=cation for a Kan, by which is understood an evergreen jungle containing springs, is to be rejected. I presume the same Order will apply to cardamom cultivation. I cannot too strongly impress upon Government the importance of the Order to which I have alluded being carried out in its integrity. On every application for land for coffee cultivation an inspec=tion should be made by some thoroughly trust=worthy Officer and if the land comes under the definition above given the application should be rejected. At present I know this is not done.

3 It is by appropriating and diverting the head springs in jungles above Supari cultivation that Coffee cultivation is so fatal to the existence of the former. Where there is no Supari cultivation below the jungle no harm can be done by giving it out for coffee cultivation.

4. I have closely observed the effect of Coffee culti=vation upon Supari culti=vation when brought too closely

closely in contact and I am convinced that an indiscriminate giving out of land for the former will result in a very large loss of revenue ere many years have passed.

5th It is because I am so fully sensible of the great importance of both these kinds of cultivation that I take this opportunity of warning Government that in my opinion the Chief Commrs Order above quoted must be most strictly enforced.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obdt Servt

J Plunkett

Supt Mysore Revenue
Survey

1880

From

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
of Mysore, Revenue Department.

To The Dy Commrs of the Shimoga
Kadur & Hassan Dists
& Superintendt Revenue Survey.

Dated 20th April.

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 395-8

Mt No. 27

Requesting strict attention to instructions already issued for not giving out for Coffee or other cultivation Kans or evergreen jungles containing springs. —

Read:- (19) (7)

Letter from the Supdt. of Revt. Survey No. 262 of the 7th. April 1880.

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No. 396-8 / Rl 27 d/20-4-80 Order thereon

Copy of the above letter will be forwarded to the Dy Comrs. of Haspan, Kadur and Shemoga, with a request that the ~~suggestions~~ ~~made~~ instructions already issued for not giving out for Coffee or other cultivation Kans or Evergreen jungles containing springs, specially ~~the~~ where there are Supari gardens below, may be strictly attended to. There are few, ~~or no~~, Supary gardens in the Manjarabad Taluk, but the

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instructions will equally apply to that taluk in respect of lands ~~xxxxxxx~~ at the sources of rivers and jungle streams, or of lands which contain valuable forest -

By
Revd Secty

To. The Dy Commrs of
the Shimoga, Kadur
and Hassan Dts.
The Superintdt of Revenue
Survey.